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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>09/749,693</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Fujii et al.</b>
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to August 20, 2001 and September 25, 2001 and October 9, 2001.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
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  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. 12.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed Sep 25, 2001, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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**Attachment(s)**

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7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance <b>HELEN KWOK</b> <b>PRIMARY EXAMINER</b>
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	